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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Maritime Administration**

#### **Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review; Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments

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**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on May 14, 2013, and comments were due by July 15, 2013. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before (Federal Register insert 30 days from date of publication).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis Brennan, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey, Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-1029 or e-mail: [dennis.brennan@dot.gov](mailto:dennis.brennan@dot.gov). Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Procedures for Determining Vessel Services Categories for Purposes of the Cargo Preference Act.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0540.

Type Of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Owners or operators of U.S.-registered vessels and foreign-registered vessels.

Forms: None.

Abstract: The purpose is to provide information to be used in the designation of service categories of individual vessels for purposes of compliance with the Cargo Preference Act under a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Agency for International Development, and the Maritime Administration. The Maritime Administration will use the data submitted by vessel operators to create a list of Vessel Self-Designations and determine whether the Agency agrees or disagrees with a vessel owner's designation of a vessel.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 800 hours.

Addressees: Send comments regarding these information collections to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20503, Attention: MARAD Desk Officer. Alternatively, comments may be sent via e-mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: [oira.submissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira.submissions@omb.eop.gov).

Comments Are Invited On: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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